welfare of old, aged and destitute women;

(b) if so, what are the details of such programme; and

(c) if reply to part (b) ahove be m the negative, whether Government would consider the desirability of a programme to be launched for the welfare of old, aged and destitute

len in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) No new programme for welfare of the old, aged and destitute women has been launched. Assistance is being provided through old age pensions by the States. Besides, the Government of India has been providing grants-, a limited scale to voluntary organisatons for Welfare of the aged under the 'General Grant-in-Aid Scheme for Assistance to Voluntary Organisations in the Field of Social Welfare'.

(b) Grants-in-aid being provided to voluntary organisations for various specialised activities, such as maintenance, recreation, Day Care Centre, health check-up etc.

(c) Question does not arise.

Canadian Co-operations for Urban Mass Transit System

436. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL; Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether a high level Indian delegation had discussion with the Canadian Government in connection with the Urban Mass Transit system in Canada during January, 1989;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any final negotiation in the field of providing technical and financial cooperation has been held; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE *Vs* THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) to (d) In pursuance to the visil of a Canadian delegation, headed bj the Canadian Transport Minister, in 1988 an invitation was extended by the Canadian Government to the Urban Development Minister to lead a delegation to that country to study Canada's urban transports possible application in In formal agreement v Canadian Govern visit.

Improvement in capacity utilisation of

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(a)whether Government the ter[1] i prove the capa existing plants:

(b) if so. th- quantum of E produced by each 0f industry in the Public Sector the last three ye;

(c) whether import of fertilizers have since been declined during the past few years; and

(d) if not, the stops propose to b> taken to boost the production of fertili zers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT CF FERTILI ZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRI CULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU); (a! It is Government's constant endeavour to improve the capacity utilisation o: the existing' fertiliser plants.

(b) The production of fertilisers by each of the fertilizer manufacturing units in the public sector during the